designed rumble strips at places like approaches to sharp curves or level crossings, congested or accident prone sections etc., where control of speed is unavoidable. Rumble strips are raised section 15 to 20 mm high, 200—300 mm wide and spaced about one metre, centre to centre in series of roughly 15 to 20 at one location provided across the entire width of carriageway and paved shoulder. All policy matters regarding National Highways come within the purview of this Ministry.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. State Government has been advised to remove speed breakers.

Expert Committee on road safety at NH-5

2109. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to constitute a Committee of road safety experts and social activists to study high accident prone areas on the National Highway No. 5 in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the areas which would be identified for such a study;

(c) the steps being taken to study and consider such positive ideas in the interest of road safety; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Road safety aspects are being taken into consideration while formulating proposals for development and maintenance of National Highways.

Study on rising road accidents in Andhra Pradesh

2110. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have necessary expertise to study problems regarding road safety;